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C O N F I D E N T I A L FREETOWN 2001

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, PF, UN, SL

SUBJECT: PUERTO RICA AND THE COMMITTEE OF 24

REF: A. USUN 3663 B. USUN 3669

1. AT LUNCH AUGUST 15 WITH SIERRA LEONE UN AMBASSADOR BLYDEN, I RAISED PUERTO RICO ISSUE. EXPLAINING THAT, ALTHOUGH BLYDEN SURELY AWARE OF US POSITION ON MOST UN ISSUES, I HOPED HE UNDERSTOOD THE FULL IMPLICATIONS FOR US NATIONAL HONOR OF PUERTO RICAN ISSUE. BLYDEN ACTED SURPRISED THAT PR ISSUE BEFORE UN, EVEN IN COMMITTEE OF 24. HE WELL AWARE OF PR MATTERS, CLAIMING TO HAVE BEEN PART OF GROUP AT HARVARD, AT TIME OF RUPERTY EMERSON AND CARL FREIDRICH, WHO DRAFTED PR CONSTITUTION. BLYDEN AWARE THAT PR POPULATION HAS CONSISTENTLY OPTED AGAINST EITHER STATEHOOD OR INDEPENDENCE AND IN FAVOR OF COMMONWALTH STATUS.

2. I INFORMED BLYDEN THAT CUBA AND OTHERS WERE PREPARING RESOLUTION, THE LAST DRAFT OF WHICH COULD ONLY BE CATEGORIZED AS INSULTING. BLYDEN SAID THAT DURING HIS CURRENT CONSULTATION IN FREETOWN, HE HAS NOTED  
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CLEAR MODERATING SHIFT IN GOSL POSITION ON INTERNATIONAL

POSITION. HE SURE GOSL WOULD NOT SUPPORT ONE-SIDED, OR  
PERHAPS ANY, RESOLUTION ON PUERTO RICO. BLYDEN LEFT  
LUNCH SAYING HE WOULD SE  
IMMEDIATE INSTRUCTIONS TO  
NEW YORK.

3. FYI: BLYDEN SCHEDULED RETURN NEW YORK AUGUST 20.  
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